

FIRST MACKEREL AT NEW YORK.

Single Fish Received Today
from New Point, Virginia.



Now the mackerel season can be said to be really and truly open, for the first one of the season has arrived at New York.

A dispatch to the Times from Wilson & Barry of Fulton Market, states that the first mackerel of the season was received by them this morning.

The fish was a large medium and was caught at New Point, Virginia. This is the first one heard of this season.

FOOD BOXES FOR DORIES.

Crew of Sch. Tattler Will Be Supplied with Conveniences.

Isalah Gosbee, the well known cook of the big dory handlining sch. Tattler, has been at work on a job which will mean a lot of comfort and convenience for the members of the crew who will go in the craft this season.

Mr. Gosbee has just completed 24 boxes of goodly size, one for each dory. These boxes are very strongly made and neatly painted. They are waterproof and are arranged to hold a goodly supply of food, also lines, etc.

They will certainly be very handy for the men, and the idea of something in which to carry food in dories is a most humane one.

Activity in Coastwise Shipping.

Considerable activity is noted in the coastwise shipping business, and it begins to look as if all the large coal carriers will go into commission again as many have been chartered the past few days. While vessel rates are still low, more coal orders are offering than have been on the market for a long time, and it is hoped that better times are coming this spring for shipping, and that the vessels will be able to get better rates. It is expected that ice freights for the medium sized vessels will be plentiful this season, and a number of schooners have already been engaged in that trade from Maine ports. The failure of the ice crop on the Hudson river will benefit Maine to a great extent as the large cities on the Atlantic coast will be compelled to use Maine ice and this will make business for this class of vessels.

Herring Plentiful at Newfoundland.

At Bay of Islands, N. F., the herring fishing continues excellent at Middle Arm. The fishermen are doing splendidly. The Brakes, father and son, have secured 400 barrels to date, with good prospects of further success as the season advances. Messrs. Cox and Ballam have also secured large catches. In fact few of the fishermen engaged at this place the past week have reported poor success. The quantity of herring at the Arms has surprised the natives. It is in excess of anything previously reported. The Arm is literally swarming with fish. Those fishermen from the mainland who abandoned the fishery at the island this winter, now regret their hasty action in the light of recent events. It is reported that the herring caught are of good size and excellent quality.

To Improve Canadian Fisheries.

A movement designed to bring about an improvement in the condition of the Canadian-Atlantic fisheries has been started by the Halifax board of trade. The fisheries committee of the board is in communication with the standing committee on fisheries of the Canadian parliament, and is urging a re-arrangement of the fisheries department. Under the proposed plan the department would be placed under a deputy minister separate from the marine department, and a commissioner would be appointed to make a thorough investigation of the Atlantic fisheries with a view to inaugurating a progressive educational policy in that connection.

Petition Against Beam Trawling.

A petition drawn up by the Canso, N. S., station of the Fishermen's Union, is being widely circulated and signed. It urges the prompt and careful consideration of the necessity of totally prohibiting the system of fishing known as beam trawling. That in order to make this prohibition effective, negotiations should be entered into with the government of the United States, and an agreement arrived at, whereby no vessel, whatever its nationality, engaged in this system, shall be allowed the use of any Canadian or American port, save under stress of weather.

Will Pay Part Freight.

The Canadian Ministers of Marine Fisheries has renewed the arrangement with the express companies, which his department had last year by which reduced rates were given to fish shipments from the Maritime Provinces consigned to the Western Provinces, and especially to Ontario, by the government paying one-third of the express rates. The government's actions is conceived in the interests both of the fishermen of the sea-coast, and of the consumers of the interior.

Find Their Feeding Ground.

Whitefish fry hatched in the United States hatchery at Kingston, N. Y., when liberated, almost invariably expatriate themselves immediately by swimming to their natural feeding grounds along the northern shore of Lake Ontario.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Slade Gorton, via Boston, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Catherine G. Burke, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. James W. Parker, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. John Hays Hammond, Georges, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore.
Sch. Florida, shore.
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, shore.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, shore.
Sch. Athena, shore.
Sch. Leo, shore.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Dauntless, south seining.
Sch. Esperanto, south seining.
Sch. Mary E. Harty, south seining.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Bank halibut, 10 cents per pound for white and 7 cents for gray.
Salt pollock, \$1.00; salt haddock, \$1.00; salt hake, \$1.00.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$1.65; mediums, \$1.40; Eastern cod, large \$1.55; medium, \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50 for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c; pollock, 60c.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2.00; snappers, \$1.00.
Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.
Round pollock, 50 cts. per cwt.
Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. George E. Heckman reports speaking schs. Ella G. King, Titania, Marsala and Arthur D. Story on Georges recently.
Capt. Joseph Smith is fitting sch. Grayling for south seining.
Capt. William Firth will now command sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., of Boston.
Sch. Aloha, Capt. John McInnis is fitting for south seining.
Capt. Ambrose Fleet is fitting sch. Avalon for a southern seining trip.
Sch. Tattler, Capt. Alden Geel, will begin to fit out Monday for a salt bank dory handline trip.
The Fish Commission sch. Grampus will haul over to Burnham's pier tomorrow night to make ready for her mackerel research cruise.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrived Today.

Steamer Seven Brothers, Plymouth.
Sch. H. S. Boynton, Boston for Rockland.
Sloop Albert Baldwin, Rockport for Boston.
Sch. Newell B. Hawes, Boston for Ipswich.
Sch. F. A. Smith, Boston to load salt.

Boston.

Sch. Onato, 52,000 haddock, 32,000 cod.
Sch. Regina, 40,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.
Sch. Fannie B. Atwood, 28,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.
Sch. Dixie, 2000 cod.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Ramona, 30,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 1000 haddock, 48,000 cod.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, 4000 haddock, 4200 cod.
Sch. Tartar, 25,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Lillian, 9000 cod.
Sch. Rex, 40,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Phillip P. Manta, 7000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 pollock.
Haddock, \$1.25 to \$2.60 per cwt.; large cod, \$1.50 to \$2.25; market cod, \$1.00 to \$1.75.

Portland Arrivals.

The following vessels with fresh fish were at Portland Tuesday:

Steamer Elthier, 3000 pounds.
Sch. Albert W. Black, 12,000 pounds.
Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, 3000 pounds.
Sch. Kate L. Palmer, 12,000 pounds.
Sch. Bernie and Bessie, 4000 pounds.
Sch. Wesley W. Sinnett, 3000 pounds.
Sloop Hobson.
Sloop Laconia.
Sloop Crusade.
Sloop Leslie and Lola, 1500 pounds.

Had Emergency Rudder.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, Capt. Jethro Nickerson, arrived at Boston yesterday, fitted with an emergency rudder, her regular rudder having been carried away by a heavy sea.

The accident happened on Georges a week ago Wednesday, the sea being very rough at the time and the wind heavy. About a half hour after midnight a heavy wave hit the vessel and tore the rudder completely off.

Next morning Capt. Nickerson and his crew went to work and fashioned a steering piece out of plank and cable and with this were able to steer the craft safely to port.

Good Stocks.

Sch. Monitor, Capt. John McKay, stocked \$4385 as the result of her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$106.84.

Sch. Moaniam, Capt. Daniel McDonald, stocked \$3019 as the result of her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$75.50. This gives Capt. McDonald a stock of \$9600 since January 1.

Harbor Notes.

The steamer Seven Brothers which has been engaged in cod egg collecting work, is at this port preparatory to going to her home port, Newport, R. I. The season there is over as most of the bobber fleet has given it up over that way.

Sch. James P. Foster, Jr., of Provincetown is on the Rocky Neck railways.

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The Gloucester halibuters at present seem to be having a run of luck such as has not come their way for some years. The reports of fine catches, coupled with the good prices, causes many of the old chaps to prick up and say, "Well, that reminds me of so and so's trip in the Laughing Molly in the early 70s." May this good work in the halibut line continue, so that the year may be one that will actually rank with those big ones of years gone by.

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Sealing Fleet Has Luck.

The sealing fleet which left St. John's, N. F., March 10, on its annual cruise has been successful. A wireless message today from the steamer Florizal, the "flagship" of the fleet, states that her crew has captured 30,000 seals and the steamer Engle 20,000. The other vessels, with four exceptions, report fair catches. The steamers Terra Nova, Aurora, Ringer and Algerine had poor luck.

Red Fish Plentiful.

The vessels at T wharf, Boston, yesterday, had a large quantity of bream or "red fish," in addition to their cod and haddock.

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New England fared pretty well, they say, in the new tariff schedule. As the existing fish duties were not changed Gloucester isn't doing any kicking over the bill, thank you.

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Nova Scotia Motor Fishing Boats.

It is surprising, says the Clark's Harbor Coast Guard, that the Canadian fishery reports take no notice of the advent of the motor boat in Nova Scotia. For more than five years boats with gasoline power have been gradually displacing those with sails, and the prospect is that the latter will soon be almost obsolete for shore fishing. Yet this important change has not been given the prominence it deserves either by those who write on the fisheries, or those who claim to regulate them. Some pamphlets are now being distributed, the avowed object of which is to improve the calling; but this improvement which came in and goes forward without academic help, is not honored by a single line, so far as we can perceive. Officials would do well, however, to give it some attention in future reports. It means a complete revolution in the ways and means of making a fish voyage at shore range. At present, there are at least 200 power boats employed in fishing on the coast between Tusket Wedge and Port La Tour, representing say \$100,000 worth of property all lately acquired and all operated by the men who own them.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

A principal part of the business of the newly organized Liverpool, N. S., Fish Company, will be carried on from Coffin's island, where a station will be established, and where, when the harbor shall be dredged, as proposed, safe and convenient anchorage will be afforded for a large number of boats. Ice houses will be at once erected, with large storage capacity, and at a convenient point, full advantage being taken of exceptional facilities offered for the prosecution of that branch of the business.

The company has bought out the lobster packing business of the Mersey Packing Company, carried on at Coffin's island, and also the trap business of Charles M. Firth, and will establish its head office at Liverpool.

All the banking schooners on the south coast of Newfoundland are now being made ready for the coming summer. One or two new vessels will be engaged. Salt squid will be used for the first trip.

Captured Sea Bat.

One of the rarest specimens of the fish kingdom known to waters contiguous to the North Carolina coast was captured in a seine at Masonboro sound recently by William Hewlett, a fisherman. The fish, which was brought to Wilmington is what is called "the sea bat" and it is a perfect production of a leather wing bat on a large scale. The fish is about 15 inches long and about 30 inches across the back. An old negro fisherman, more than 70 years of age, stated that this was only the second specimen of the sea bat he had ever seen in his long experience as a fisherman. The specimen, which had a truly uncanny appearance, will probably be sent to the state museum at Raleigh.

The Scallop Season.

The season for scallops closes in this vicinity on April 1, and the men who have been gathering scallops along Cape Cod, are already dropping them, and getting ready to go out after the first mackerel, which strike in there anywhere between April 1 and April 26. The latter date was that on which the first mackerel was caught last year, but the fish were very late.

The season has been a very good one for the scallop fishermen, who have taken large quantities, and got high prices for them. It was a poor one for the Boston dealers, however, as the New York dealers were so anxious to get scallops that they kept the price away up, and drew most of them from Boston.

Fish Exports and Imports.

The value of the fish exported in January last from the United States was \$341,153, against \$413,149 in the same month last year. Canned salmon totaled \$96,664, whereas a year ago it was \$169,451. Oysters amounted to \$70,668, as contrasted with \$100,173 in 1908.

The imports for January were valued at \$978,141, against \$1,111,939 a year ago. Anchovies and sardines footed up \$245,067, herring \$176,540, mackerel \$56,163, salmon \$2997, lobsters (canned or uncanned), \$64,673, shrimp and other shellfish and turtles, \$28,074.

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Had Hard Weather.

The steam trawler Spray, at Boston yesterday, had quite bad weather on Georges. Capt. Green reported that during the heavy gale, on Wednesday night the craft was unable to make headway and barely able to hold her own.

Declare Dogfish a Delicacy.

Its Adoption as Food Would Settle Important Fish Question.

Stirred by the announcement of the Massachusetts Fish Commission that the hitherto much-despised dogfish, when properly prepared, is a toothsome delicacy equal in flavor to the salmon or the lobster, and as such, should prove a source of immense revenue, instead of economic waste, thousands of fishermen are just now discussing the dogfish industry as a possible means of restoring to their former remunerativeness the fishing interests of New England.

For years, the dogfish, called the scavenger of the North American coast, and from its predatory habits said to be the chief cause of the disappearance of a large proportion of the fish in New England, has been the subject of scientific investigation by the fisheries commissions with a view to finding a means for making this fish of economic value to fishermen.

As a result of these investigations the Massachusetts commission in a report thus advises the use of dogfish as a food product:

"Perhaps the most important asset in the dogfish problem is its availability as a food. From personal experience we can give testimony as to its satisfactory taste, lack of odor or 'strength' and its consistency when cooked or canned. It has when canned a distinctly obvious lobster flavor, together with a certain salmon impression, so that from the taste it can be best compared to a mixture of canned lobster and canned salmon. When cut into steaks and fried it closely resembles halibut. Its freedom from bones makes it especially safe as a food for children or aged persons.

"There would be unlimited possibilities for developing a business in specially prepared brands of food wherein the dogfish may be prepared with rice, potatoes, etc., making 'canned fish balls already to fry,' etc., after the manner of 'fish cheese,' now being used in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia."

Supplementing the report of the Massachusetts commission, James E. Donahue of the Maine deep sea fisheries, who has been making investigations along similar lines as those here, says:

"I believe that the dogfish is one of the best edible fish that we have, and it will not be necessary to exterminate, or try to exterminate the species if it is once introduced into the household as a food."

The adoption of dogfish as a food, it is declared, will at once settle the most important fish question of the day.

It is declared to be due almost entirely to this voracious sea wolf that the immense schools of mackerel, herring and bait fish which a comparatively short time ago infested the lagoons, bays and gulfs of the North Atlantic coast have now grown so scarce that the fishermen are compelled to seek them far off the shore, and then often with little success.

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Had Rough Experience.

Sch. Ella M. Doughty had a rather rough experience Tuesday while fishing on Cashes Bank. A heavy sea was running and the schooner was pitching badly, when suddenly all the gudgeons, or braces, on the stern post gave way, damaging the rudder head, and practically causing the schooner to become unmanageable. With great difficulty the crew managed to get the vessel into Portland, steering in with the sails. She will haul out on the marine railway today for repairs.

Marine Mishaps.

The St. John's, N. F., schooner Loyalty, with 1400 quintals of fish, sprang a leak at her wharf the other day. It was feared that much of the cargo would be destroyed.

Bowling's sealing steamer Eagle, which recently underwent extensive alterations and repairs, was badly damaged recently by colliding with the Prospero, at St. John's, N. F.

Made \$16,000 in Winter Fishery.

Capt. Goodwin's Remarkable Stock in Sch.

Benj. A. Smith.

Crew Shared Over \$300

Each for the Whole season.

With the enviable record of a stock just a few dollars short of \$16,000 in the winter haddock fishery in the past four and a half months in the auxiliary knockabout Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. James D. Goodwin has given up this dashing fishery and is hustling work on his sch. Ella M. Goodwin, getting her ready for salt fishing.

Capt. Goodwin started in the Smith, October 28, and since that date, up to Wednesday of this week, has stocked \$15,925.85 and the crew has shared \$319.95 to a man. This is one of the very largest stocks of the winter in the haddock fleet and is undoubtedly the largest since Capt. Goodwin took command of the Smith.

On her last trip, landed here on Wednesday and Thursday at the Gloucester Fresh Fish Co., the splendid stock of \$2623.25 was made, the largest single trip stock in the haddock fishery this season. The crew shared \$60.23, which has been exceeded but once this season.

During the season Capt. Goodwin landed trips at both this port and Boston, but the most of his catches were brought here.

All of the salt trawl bankers have now sailed and some are already on the fishing ground, so Capt. Goodwin is hustling things to get away as soon as possible, so as not to be too far behind the bunch in starting in fishing operations.

Capt. Goodwin gives the Smith a fine name and calls her an ideal craft for the winter haddock fishery and a regular home on the ocean, being especially handy in working around the dories and making passages to market.

By his fine work in this big craft Capt. Goodwin has fully lived up to his reputation as one of the leading all round fishing skippers of the North Atlantic sea board.

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Pacific Fishing Notes.

The large stocks of codfish now at the stations at San Francisco was further augmented last week by the arrival of the schooner Czarina with a cargo of 125,000 fish for the Union Fish Company.

The Czarina brings the news of the death of Bolner Smith, a fisherman, who was drowned at Sanak Island by the capsizing of his dory, and of Mike Kroger, also a fisherman, who was drowned at Pirate Cove during a heavy gale.

The Czarina had an exciting experience during one of the heavy winter storms, being carried ashore and left on the beach for eight days. Captain Koehler finally succeeded in getting her off without assistance.

The Seattle fleet of codfishing vessels is making preparations to start for the north within a short time for the coming season's work. The majority of the craft from San Francisco will operate in Behring Sea, and most of them will leave for the grounds during March. Among the vessels that will operate from San Francisco are the Vega and Harold Bleekum, belonging to King & Wings; the Fanny Dutard and Harriet G., of Anacortes; the Alice and Joseph Russ, of the Robinson Fisheries Company, also of Anacortes; the Beulah, a 39-ton boat, recently purchased by C. Lowman, of Anacortes, from Oakland, Cal., parties; the Fortuna, of the Bloom Fisheries Company, and the Maid of Orleans, of the Seattle Fish Company.

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New Knockabout Sold.

Arthur D. Story of Essex has sold the knockabout schooner he recently constructed, and which is now on the stocks at his yard in Essex ready for launching, to Capt. Frank Cahoon of Cape Cod, formerly of sch. Nettie Franklin. The craft will be towed to this port and rigged and then fitted for mackerel seining.

FRESH FISH IN LIGHT RECEIPT.

But Demand is Poor at Last of the Week.

Arrivals at T wharf, Boston, this morning are light, there being but four off-shores and two market boats in since yesterday morning. Prices still hold low and very few off-shore cod are being touched.

Sch. Raymah, Capt. Felix Hogan, has the largest fare, 80,000 pounds of fresh fish, 45,000 pounds of which are cod. Sch. Georgianna has 60,000 pounds and sch. Frances Whalen has cod and half haddock in their fares. The steam trawler Spray is there with a small trip of 28,000 pounds.

Of the boats, sloop Laura Enos has 1500 weight of cod and sch. George H. Lubege has 12,000 pounds.

Altogether it is a light day and the dealers are just as well satisfied as it is the last of the week, and they want to clean up before Monday if possible.

At this port this morning are three of the off-shore fleet down from Boston with codfish to split. The craft are schs. Yakima, Onato and Ramona and they have from 30,000 to 40,000 pounds each.

Sch. Effie M. Prior with 70,000 pounds of fresh fish and Rob Roy with 55,000 pounds are the two haddockers in.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask is here from Georges handling with a small fare and sch. Kineo, Capt. John G. Stream is in from Georges halibuting with 25,000 pounds of fresh fish, 5000 pounds of salt fish and 5000 pounds of halibut.

The big fleet of market boats which was in here yesterday, went out during the night, but there is quite a northwest breeze going today, so it is doubtful if they get a chance to set and may be back for harbor before the day is over.

Portland Receipts.

The fish receipts at Portland Wednesday were the largest reported in any one day for a long time, considerably over 100,000 pounds having been landed by ten large schooners and several small sloops and Hampton boats. Sch. Ella M. Doughty brought in over 25,000 pounds, the largest catch of the fleet, though all had good fares. The dealers on Commercial and Central wharves were busy all day in taking the fish out, and getting them in shape for shipment. Notwithstanding the heavy receipts of fish in the past few days the supply is not excessive, there being a good demand for all that can be caught, and prices paid the fishermen have fallen but little, 3 cents being paid for haddock and 4½ to 2½ cents for cod. Very few of the fishermen went out Wednesday as it was blowing quite hard outside.

The vessels and their fares were:

Sch. Ella M. Doughty, 25,000 pounds.
Sch. Margie Turner, 20,000 pounds.
Sch. Angie B. Watson, 5000 pounds.
Sch. Lochinvar, 10,000 pounds.
Sch. Albert D. Willard, 9000 pounds.
Sch. Kate Palmer, 10,000 pounds.
Sch. Eva and Mildred, 6000 pounds.
Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, 2500 pounds.
Sch. Robert and Carr, 16,000 pounds.
Sch. Albert W. Black, 6000 pounds.
Small sloops and Hampton boats, 12,000 pounds.

In speaking of the halibut fare of sch. Senator Saulsbury at Portland yesterday the Portland Express says:

"It has been several days since any halibut has been landed here and as a consequence the local fish dealers' supply was quite low, but the arrival of this fare today was readily bought by the dealers and the market was placed in better condition. They were the finest lot of halibut brought into this port for many weeks, the greater part of them ranging in weight from 50 to 150 pounds, while several weighed 200 pounds, and the entire fare was sold for 8½ cents a pound.

"The Senator Saulsbury has been fishing on Brown's Bank all the time, the crew reporting extra good fishing and a large fleet of schooners there. The Saulsbury stocked over \$1000 for the fare, which will give the crew a good month's work. She will fit out again and return to the fishing grounds."

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Sch. Yakima, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges, 14,000 lbs. salt cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Rob Roy, Georges, 55,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mary E. Santer, via Boston.
Sch. Manomet, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddocking.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, haddocking.
Sch. Emily Sears, haddocking.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddocking.
Sch. Emily Cooney, haddocking.
Sch. Hope, haddocking.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, haddocking.
Sch. Hockomock, haddocking.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, haddocking.
Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, haddocking.
Sch. Athena, haddocking.
Sch. Leo, haddocking.
Sch. Rose Standish, haddocking.
Sch. Stranger, haddocking.
Sch. Washakie, haddocking.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, haddocking.
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, haddocking.
Sch. John M. Keen, haddocking.
Sch. Emerald, haddocking.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, haddocking.
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, haddocking.
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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Goodwin is fitting sch. Rebecca for Rips fishing. She is likely to be the first of this fleet to get away.

Sch. Winnifred of Boston is at this port to ship a crew for haddocking.

Sch. Athlete was at Halifax, N. S., on Tuesday for bait.

Capt. James D. Goodwin is fitting out sch. Ella M. Goodwin for salt banking and hopes to get away Monday.

Capt. Edward Groves is to engage in Georges handling in sch. Fish Hawk.

Capt. Daniel McDonald of sch. Mooween reports speaking schs. Senator, Preceptor, Massachusetts, Margaret, Agnes, Waldo L. Stream and Atalanta in the Gully.

Sch. Mary C. Santos of Provincetown is on Burnham's railways.

Sch. Vanessa, Capt. Val O'Neil, will now fit for fresh halibuting.

Sch. Monarch, of the southern seining fleet, was at Staten Island recently to land one of her seineboats.

Sch. Electric Flash of the south mackerel fleet, harbored at Wood's Hole on her way out.

Schs. Mary E. Harty, Esperanto and Dauntless sailed south seining yesterday, making 10 of the fleet to get away up to this morning, the others that have sailed being schs. Electric Flash, Monarch, Arcadia, Indiana, Arthur James, Patrician, George Parker.

Sch. Senator Saulsbury, Capt. Thomas Allen of this port, one of the Georges handling fleet, was at Portland yesterday with a fine catch of halibut, landing 12,000 pounds, the fish bringing 8 1-2 cents per pound for white, and 6 1-2 cents for gray.

The Lunenburg, N. S., salt bank fleet is beginning to fit out, and the first of the fleet, schs. Clintonia and Alexandria, will sail for the banks Monday. Schs. Montana and Revenue of the same port, are engaged in fresh fishing.

Capt. John Robbins, who has been in sch. Squanto the past winter, will now fit sch. Metamora for haddocking and the former craft will fit for south seining under command of Capt. John S. Seavey.

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Sch. Gladiator's Stock.

Sch. Gladiator, Capt. Melvin Kilpatrick, stocked \$2300 on her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$47.

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Sch. George H. Lubege, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Laura Enos, 1500 cod.
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$1.75 to \$2; market cod, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.75.

Thriving Flounder Trade.

The fishermen along Cape Cod have built up a thriving trade in flounders with New York, and this winter sent there a very large quantity. New York buys only black backs, which do not sell well in Boston, while Boston takes the yellow tails, which New York will not handle, so that the fishermen have made two markets in which they sell all their flounders.

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Sch. Electric Flash in for Shelter.

Seiner Which First Sailed Reports Seeing no Fish.

The southern mackerel seining fleet has been heard from and no fish have yet been seen. One of the seiners put into Fortress Monroe, Va., last evening, for harbor, thus showing that the weather out there cannot be too good.

A special to the Times from its correspondent, William Baulch, the big outfitter there, and at whose place the skippers make their headquarters, shipping their early catches to New York through him, states that sch. Electric Flash, Capt. William Bissert, put in there for harbor last evening.

Capt. Bissert, who was the first of the fleet to get away from here this spring, reported no mackerel sighted yet and all well on board.

Southern Mackerel Fleet Notes.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman, will make another trip haddocking and then fit for the south mackerel fishery.

Capt. Elroy Prior has hauled sch. Effie M. Prior out of winter haddocking and will now fit her for south seining.

Sch. Conqueror, Capt. Robertson Giffin will fit for south seining when she comes in from her haddock trip.

Sch. Squanto is at this port from Boston to fit for south seining under command of Capt. John S. Seavey of Boothbay Harbor, Me.

Capt. Benjamin A. Spurling is expected here from Pensacola, Florida, to engage in the southern mackerel fishery in command of some craft from here.

Capt. Rufus McKay will be here next week to fit sch. Speculator for south mackereling.

Capt. James McLean is expected here in a few days to fit sch. Diana for south seining.

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Notice to Mariners.

Information has been received that on February 24 revenue cutter Androscoggin, at about extreme low water, struck a pinnacle rock in the western end of the Fisherman Island Passage, on the Maine coast near where 3 1-2 fathoms was formerly shown on the charts. The vessel was drawing 16 feet 2 inches forward and 16 feet 4 inches aft and it was estimated that there was not more than 15 feet over the rock at the time the vessel struck. The following bearings were taken: Dictator Ledge buoy, No 2 1-2, 61 deg. 51 min. true (ENE 7-8 E, Mag.); Ram Island lighthouse, 102 deg. 38 min. true (SE by E 1-2 E, Mag.) distance about 1-2 mile; Burnt Island lighthouse, 310 deg. 45 min. true (NW by N, Mag.). Pending a critical examination of the locality 15 feet will be shown on the charts in the position indicated.